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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

NOTIFICATION

*New Delhi, the 17th April 1954*

**S.R.O. 1261.**—Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that having regard to the importance of the tea, coffee and rubber industries in the national economy of the country, a comprehensive inquiry should be made into the economic conditions and problems of these industries;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (LX of 1952) the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of the following members namely:—

- (1) Shri P. Madhava Menon, I.C.S., OSD and *ex-officio* Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry who is hereby appointed as the Chairman of the Commission;
- (2) Shri K. G. Sivaswamy, formerly of the Servants of India Society, Madras, and Research Associate of the Delhi School of Economics; and
- (3) Prof. M. V. Mathur, Head of the Department of Economics, Rajputana University, Jaipur.

for the purpose of making a comprehensive inquiry into the economic conditions and problems of the tea, coffee and rubber industries.

2. In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Commission shall, in the course of the inquiry, perform the following functions, that is to say, shall—

- (a) ascertain separately the amount of capital, Indian and non-Indian, invested respectively in tea, coffee and rubber plantations;
- (b) examine the methods of production and the costs of production of tea, coffee and rubber in the different important growing areas in India;
- (c) examine the present methods of financing tea, coffee and rubber plantations;
- (d) examine the present methods of marketing tea, coffee and rubber including all the factors which affect the price paid by the consumer;
- (e) examine the possibilities of further expansion and development of the tea, coffee and rubber plantation industries.

3. On the conclusion of the inquiry the Commission shall make recommendations to Government on the measures necessary—

- (a) to secure for the producer a fair price for his product and to the consumer a fair price for the article he buys;
- (b) to enable the provision of necessary finance for the plantation industries;
- (c) to ensure suitable marketing arrangements; and
- (d) to develop and expand the tea, coffee and rubber plantation industries.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government within one year from the date of the publication of this Notification in the Official Gazette.

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A. NIYOGI, Dy. Secy.